

15 December 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, Coordinating Working Group,  
PSB D-22

SUBJECT: Indication of Actions Taken Under PSB D-22

REFERENCE: Memorandum from [REDACTED] to the  
Coordinating Working Group, PSB D-22, of 2 December  
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1. The influence of PSB D-22 (Psychological Strategy Program for the Middle East) as a guide to CIA planning and actions has been a valuable one. First, the document gives the Agency confidence that what it is undertaking is part of a coordinated psychological program within the United States Government. Second, it provides the Agency with a more clearly defined authority for certain activities which the Agency deems necessary than is presented in the NSC papers affecting the Middle Eastern area. Third, D-22 has been of value as an informational and briefing document for new personnel, particularly with respect to Annex B (Analysis of Middle East Mind, Basic and Current Attitudes). Fourth, and most important, while most of our operations pursuant to D-22's objectives were already underway prior to the document's final approval, its main utility has lain in the authority which it provided for the acceleration or expansion of certain of these activities.

2. It does not appear practicable to comment separately on each individual objective or basic task set forth in D-22, since each of our operations frequently overlaps several of these in its intent or scope. However, the primary fields in which operations have been significantly expanded as a result of the document's authority are: 25X1C

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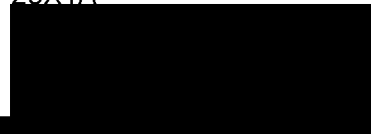
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5. Under the aegis of the Department of State, the U. S. Chiefs of Mission in the countries concerned in D-22 were instructed to consider D-22 in concert with appropriate personnel of other agencies, including CIA. Such study resulted in a number of constructive and thoughtful comments, which have been taken fully into account by CIA in developing its program.

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